However, the Supreme Court had directed that the N.D.M.C. will take steps to make the place beautiful.

(c) and (d) NDMC have already undertaken to provide a "Parikrama" for the temple at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 lakhs. The garbage collecting lorries and compactors are being parked away from the temple. The environmental sanitation near the temple has been improved.

पत्रकारों के लिए पेंशन योजना

3668. **डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पत्रकारों के लिए पेंशन योजना कब तक घोषित कर दी जाएगी; और

(ख) इस योजना के लिए लाभ प्राप्त करने के लिए सेवानिवृत्त की क्या तारीख निर्दिष्ट की गई है ?

श्रम एवं कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) और (ख) उन औद्योगिक कर्मकारों के लिए, (पत्रकारों सहित), जो कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि योजना के अंतर्गत आते हैं, उपयुक्त पेंशन योजना की व्यवस्था करने का प्रस्ताव इस समय कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि के केन्द्रीय न्यासी बोर्ड के विचाराधीन है । इस अवस्था पर यह बताना असामयिक होगा कि किस समय से प्रस्तावित योजना शुरू की जाएगी अथवा किस तारीख से यह लागू होगी ।

Minimum Support Price for Wheat

3669. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are committed to announce the minimum price of wheat for the year 1990-91 before the rabi season begins;

(b) if so, whether the price for the next year would be higher than the price of Rs. 215/- per quintal last year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) It is the endeavour of the Government to announce the procurement price of wheat for 1990-91 crop before the commencement of the rabi season.

(b) and (c) The Report of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices on Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1990-91 is under consideration of the Government.

Statutory Price of Sugarcane

3670. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of agricultural commodities has gone up during the last six months or so;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the statutory price of sugarcane for the year 1990-91; and

(c) if so, by when the new price would be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) Data on cost of production of agricultural commodities for the last six months or so are not available.

(b) and (c) The statutory minimum price for sugarcane for the year 1990-91 would be reviewed while considering the statutory minimum price for the year 1991-92. A decision is likely to be taken by the end of October, 1990.

Ad-hoc Allotoment of Accommodation

3671. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ad-hoc allotment of accommodation were made during 1985-88 to the temporary lady employees working in Northern Railway catering unit in Parliament House complex;

(b) whether the senior lady employees in the above catering have represented to this effect; if so, what action taken thereon; and

(c) the reasons for not following the seniority in these allotment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Constitution of Mirchi Board and Cotton Board

3672. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to constitute Mirchi Board, Cotton Board and Oilseeds Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal to constitute separate Mirchi Board as Mirchi is covered under Spices Board. There are already Cotton Advisory Board and National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board.

Discrimination in pay scale of workers in F.C.I.

3673. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a discrimination among the workers working under F.C.I. Godowns whose pay and scales and service conditions differ from place to place;

(b) whether it is also a fact that workers are compelled to work under appointed contractor of F.C.I. and are subjected to exploitations and placed under direct payment known as D.P.S.;

(c) whether it is a fact that decasualised worker doing the same nature of jobs are getting full remuneration and un-decasualised workers (DPS) whether are being exploited and placed under Direct Payment System;

(d) if so. whether decasualisation of contract worker of Begusarai. Tilrath etc. would be done; and

(c) if not, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) The wage structure of the Food Corporation of India departmentalised workers, working in ports and port-city godowns is governed by the wage structure adopted by the Ministry of Surface Transport for port and dock workers whereas the wage structure of the departmentalised workers working in other godowns of FCI is either decided bilaterally with the concerned Unions or as a result of award by Arbitrator appointed by FCI in consultation with the respective Unions. This resulted in variation in the pay-structure in some regions which has recently been set-right by the Supreme Court.

(b) Contractors engage their own workers. However, FCI is taking all possible measures to ensure that the workers working under contract system are not subjected to any discrimination.

(c) Decasualised workers of FCI are on regular pay scales, being regular employees of the Corporation, whereas workers under Direct Payment System, who are workers of ex-contractors of the FCI, came under the system under bilateral agreement with the concerned Workers' Union. Workers under Direct Payment System are guaranteed minimum earnings if the Management is not in a position to provide them sufficient work. Thus workers under Direct Payment System cannot be compared with regular employees of the Corporation in the matter of remuneration etc.

(d) and (e) The Ministry of Labour is examining the report of the Committee, set up for considering abolition or otherwise of the contract labour in the FCI.